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Thou art, O God, the life and light Of all this wondrous world we see: ts glow by day, its smile by night, Are but reflections caught from Thee,

An Appeal to the Lawmakers. The Nelson county tragedy and a similar tragedy in Georgia have revived the discussion of the "unwritten law," so-called. The principle upon which the "unwritten law" is founded is contrary to the fundamentals of our ing of the moral and divine law. Nothing could be more revolutionary than the proposition that a man in hot bleed may sit as judge, jury and executioner in a case in which he is the

And yet there are many who hold and conscientiously believe that for a certain injury a man is justified in such a course, and it is rarely, if ever, that a jury will convict him, if it can be shown that the provocation was sufficient, according to the rules of

abiding citizens sanction and uphold written law does not give protection. for damages, as though he could be

ciety turns to the "unwritten law" for protection. We can account in no other way for the toleration of that

let the law take its course, for the law provides sadequate punishment. mulet the offender in pecuriary damwith money!

tiety, demands, and to make its penalty

## The Farmers and the Law.

violence. The missionary effort necessary for a perfect organization can be Izing a county for legal welfare against the power of the Merrimage that orders a criminal corporation is a work that fully meet the Merrimage that orders are riminal corporation is a work that were given her commander by the Taft's weight has not been announced of late, but it is known to run to many

mission of felonies is another matter. walking delegate, whose wild and rabid might ordinarily lean toward right.

has helped to protect farmers against unscrupulous speculators. It is altobers should be unremitting in their warfare against the gamblers, yet they must realize the good sense and wisdom of living in peace and harmony with the manufacturers. Gradually they and the spinner are but two halves of the same apple, a fact which will opand to the industrial welfare and up-

## The First Ironclads.

The famous fight between the ironpeculiar interest just now. Many descriptions of the Virginia have been tle have been related, but in every case errors have crept In. At last we have a narrative which is probably the nearest to accuracy of any that has Norfolk, a trained newspaper man, who is depicted." In addition to his persearched the official records, and substatement that he makes.

The booklet which he has published is gotten up in the best style of the printer's art and contains a number of half-tone engravings, Illustrating the raits of the Confederates who planned constructed and manned the Virginia.

We have no space to give even an outline of the engagement as related by Mr. Fiveash, but in order to set at rest some important points in dispute, we reproduce in full his description of the Virginia. He says:

"The Virginia was 262 feet 9 inches long and she drew 22 feet when read; for action. Her shield was 167 feet inches in length, and was covered with we layers of iron that were rolled at the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond. The plates were eight Inches wide, two inches thick and about twenty feet long. Their capacity for reststance was tested by Lieutenant John M. Brooke, of the Ordnance Department at Richmond. The first layer ran fore and aft, and the top layer was placed up and down. The timber backing was twenty-two inches thick, and the iron armor four inches. Her sbutters latter were disabled during the first day's fight by shell coming into the port-holes, and they were replaced later by two six-inch rifled guns. The port-holes of her bow and stern guns (six in all, three at each end of the shield) were protected by shutters on the 8th and 9th of March. The other port-holes, eight in number, were not."

This clears up the popular error tallow, which caused the shells mercimob violence and lynch law, law-abid- lessly fired at her to glance off as they struck.

Mr. Fiveash also establishes the fact ored and destroyed? Shall we tell gagement. He recalls that after the him to swear out a warrant and have battle of March 9th the Virginia retell him to bring a suit at law and mouth somewhat the worse for her experience, but by no means disabled. ages? Such a proposal would be but Repairs were made, after which she to add insult to injury-as though a was in far better condition than when decent man's honor could be satisfied she first went to war. On May Sth after it had been decided to evacuate But how can the law be so revised Norfolk, a squadron, composed of the as to give the protection which so- iron-clads Monitor and Naugatuck, aunboats Seminole and Dakotah, and justly fit every case? It is a difficult sloops-of-war Susquehanna and San problem to solve, but if there be no Jacinto, began to bombard the batsolution within the reach of our law- teries at Sewell's Point, where the exmakers; if they confess that they can position is now being held. The Virmake no law which will be a sufficient ginia at once started to Hampton substitute for the "unwritten law"; Roads to give battle. When she if they say to every decent man, "You | reached Crancy Island, where there is must protect your own home and mete a bend in the river, and came into out your own punishment in your own view of the six Federal vessels named. way to the despoiler," then our sys- they all took to their heels and ran to tem of law falls completely down at Old Point, where they nestled under that point. The Times-Dispatch is not the protection of the fort. The hisprepared to make such a confession of torical accuracy of this statement, says failure, for it were a reflection upon the author, can be verified by referring the intelligence and civilization of this to a telegram from Commodore Goldsgeneration. There must be a remedy borough to President Lincoln, to the at law for every tresposs. Let us find logs of the Federal vessels, to reports the remedy in this case, and then the of Captain John P. Gillis, of the Semi-"unwritten law" will gradually repeal note, and Lieutenant Constable, of the teamer E. A. Evans, and to other documentary evidence.

He also recalls that a few years after Following the announcement that the the war Congress was asked to pay Dark Tobacco Association is preparing prize money to Captain Worden and to organize Christian county, Kentucky, crew, of the Monitor, for their serthe Louisville-Courier Journal volun- vices in destroying the Virginia." The teers some friendly advice which the whole subject of the Virginia's operaplanters will do well to accept. The tions was then carefully investigated keynote of this is that the growers by the House Committee on Naval Afchould put themselves squarely on the fairs, and on May 31, 1884, Mr. Ballenside of law and order, eliminate time, for the committee, submitted a rethe agitators, who are responsible for port rejecting the claim, on the ground midnight attacks by raiders, and work that "all the evidence leads us clearly for the common good without resort to to the opinion that the Monitor, after her engagement with the Merrimac (Virginia) on the 9th of March, degrowers show that they are opposed to clined again to engage ner, though or-all forms of anarchy, which has doclined again to engage her, though ofall forms of anarchy, which has de-moralized the business interests. The Courier-Journal believes that "organ-izing a county for legal welfare against

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ment." "It also appears," said the report, "that the Merrimac, so far from being seriously injured, was enabled rected along the line of suppressing the latter the engagement to protect the approaches to Norfolk and Richmond talk is calculated to infiame these who until after the evacuation." The report further states the fact that the The principle is the same with the Virginia was afterwards destroyed by her own officers and crew, to prevent her from falling into the hands of the

Mr. Fivensh has made a valuable contribution to history, and wilt receive the thanks of all men who want the truth.

## South Carolina's Problem.

With the abolition of the South Carolina dispensary as a State institution the town and county authorities have become more active in an effort to suppress the blind tigers, and hundreds of gallons of contraband liquor are confiscated daily in the crusade for temperance. Under the new law the sheriff must empty the centraband into the sewers; he must throw it into the creeks and gutters if there are no sewers in his town. The statute is plain in that it provides that the liquor must be destroyed.

Considering the fact that this blindtiger product is vile and full of murder, the law doubtless provides well, for it would be a menace to any community to have it put within the grasp of the thirsty. Otherwise, we imagine, it would have been proper and generous writer witnessed every movement that to donate these alcoholic beverages to to donate these alcoholic beverages to
the county homes and hospitals for
the busybody of May is the Junebride of next month. so many novel and bitter experiences with its octopus that the lawmakers were doubtless afraid more graft would be fostered and encouraged unless every drop of corn and rye and beer was put beyond human reach and

While the Jamestown settlers arrived in Chesapeake Bay on April 26, 1607, it was not until May 13th following that they landed at Jamestown Island. That is the birthday of the nation, and this year it will be celebrated with

The A. P. V. A. will make its usual pligrimage to the Island, and Ambassador James Bryce will be its guest of honor. Governor Swanson will be the orator of the day, but Mr. Bryce the Old World. It is most appropriate that he should be present at this cele bration. He is a man whom all America holds in high esteem, and he represents a nation with which we are more close thicker than water. Mr. Bryce is especially esteemed by Americans, because he has done us the honor to be our historian and has told us many things about ourselves which it was interest. ing and important for us to know. Virginia will be proud to claim him as her guest.

An Appeal from the Howitzers. The Howitzers will make a pilgrimage to the Jamestown Exposition on the 7th instant, and they need horses, It is very hard to procure them, but should be successful. They are offering to trade a mule for a horse, for that occasion only, and they will see to it that the horse is returned in good corporations have responded to this tzers are still in need of thirty-five or forty horses, and The Times-Dispatch hopes that this last appeal will Howitzers, and we want them to make do the city credit, as well as the or ganization. Let all who are willing to favor them communicate at once with the officers.

## A Hint to Soldiers' Home.

In a little while Confederate veterans from all parts of the country will be in Richmond, and naturally the Soldiers' Home will be a centre of attraction. It is a beautiful home, and the grounds will be in prime condition when the vets arrive. But we ask the management if they think the new whiteoak posts which have supplanted the wornout iron posts in the wire fence around the premises are ornamental or creditable to such ar institution. They are rough and un sightly and mar the beauty of the whole situation. They should by all means be replaced with iron posts be fore the day of the reunion.

The Loudoun Mirror makes its bow to its readers this morning, but owing to the confusion and bustle of moving, we have been unable to prepare the outline of the improvements and gen-sical poticies of the paper, which will receive attention in our next issue.— The Mirror.

Greetings! The Mirror is a comionation of several newspapers, each of which was good in itself, and the Miror has the good features of all. Our only criticism is that it has an ugly ase of big head-literally speaking. We hope that a reduction "along this line" will be one of the promised improvements.

President Zelaya, of Mearagua, will appoint Sierra, predecessor of Manuel Bonlila, rather than Davilla, as President of Hondurns. There are lots of exciting things in the news if you will

Possibly the Birmingham embezzler who was acquitted on the ground that he was "financially insano" can be re-led on for another monetary brain-storm at an early date.

The International Kindergartners have declared war against the comic section, which looks a little like wounding Buster Brown in the house of his friends.

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a stone. They would make an interest-ing race.

Mr. Roosevelt says that the third term talk is "absolute nonsense," which ought to come mighty near coinciding with Mr. Fairbanks's view.

Cuba announces her inability to raise a standing army of 12,000. In this country every rush-hour street car can show one of approximately that size. The real thing in baseball excite-

ments, however, will be pulled off when the Westmorelands cross bats with the Commonwealths.

A Nebraska woman captured a burglar and married him. There seems no end to the perils of cracksmanship nowadays.

After all, Ambassador Bryce, who says that America needs more poets, cannot be expected to know everything about us.

Being the proprietor of his own stee dividends, however, Mr. Corey feels free to select his own assistant spender.

However, the Governors of North and South Carolina might meet for a friendly round of whiskey-poker.

Now and then it looks as though the Daughters of the Revolution might be-come the mothers of a new one. The most growing boom perceived hereabouts is that appertaining to Governor Charles E. Hughes.

Still, if Mr. Roosevelt won't be President in 1909, there are a few of us left who will,

And, further, where does the weather

## Mr. Graves Approved.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—Having been impressed by the
utterances of Mr. Graves at Chattanooga, I wish to say I most heartly
indorse his sentiments.

In so doing, I believe I volce the
views of hundreds of thousands of my
fellow-citizens, especially the farmers
I (of whom the writer is one), throughout our broad and glorlous land, which
has so unprecedentedly prospered since
Mr. Rossevelt became President, and
with the rare administrative and executive ability with which he is endowed
at our discosal, give promise of indeil

rom the furnace unit of the model of the banker, the farmer and the merchant, the banker, the farmer and the merchant, all say to Mr Boosevelt: "Well done, good and faithful servant; continue the good work."

His promise the night of his election again to accept the nomination of the model of the model

tinue the good work."

His promise the night of his election not again to accept the nomination is no longer binding, since circumstances have so changed that his services for four years more are absolutely indispensable to the best interests of his beloved country.

Pecuniarily it would he a sacridee on his part to grant this request, or rather, this demand, of a very large majority of his fellow-countrymen.

Mr. Roosevelt, I think, stands for that which is good of his own party, as well as for the Democratic party, and if it be possible, Mr. Bryan, by nominating him to succeed himself, would add a star to his own crown, the brilliancy of which none other has attained, and would perhaps light his pathway to the White House in 1913, where he could then bring to completion that which he (Mr. Bryan) now so wisely advocates, which in part is being done, and can only be done for the next six years, by the present in-

which will benefit them most, and incidentally add many feet to the helpht and breadth of the monuments left to their memories, to which the present, as well as succeeding generations, can and will point with pride. Will they both answer to this bugie-call of duty?

Will the genius of these two statesmen be level with the occasion?

I am a conservative Democrat, who feels that Republican or Democrat means nothing when the party that claims either doesn't stand for that which is right and for the best interests of the whole people.

Cherishing the hope that these lines, indited from the slopes of Virginia's noblest peaks (the Otters—but, because of it, this article is none the less true) whose lofty summits and symmetry of outline are typical of the character and strenuousness of our President, may reach and appeal to our would and would-not-be standard-bearers and voters, I am one of the latter. ers and voters, I am one of the latter.
H. T. PATTERSON.
Bedford City, Va

Left Out of His Make-Up. "I'm sorry you spoke so sharply to that boy-you must save cut him to the quick."

ie quick."
"Impossible! He has no quick!"
"No quick? why, what—"
"He's a messenger boy!"—Stray

Exact. "My big sister makes little things ount, she does." "What does she do?"

"Teaches arithmetic in school."-Philadelphia Telegraph. Rockefeller Much Maligned.

"When we figure how wicked Mr. Rockefeller could afford to be and That's right. He deserves consider. able credit."-Washington Herald.

# A GOOD SHOW



When the Clubman Plays the Game.

[Inapropos of the contest to take place here this week between local clubmen, who are said to be, the ap-pended instructions to the contrary notvithstanding, a noticeably nifty aggre-

HEN the grave and settled club-man dons his ancient base-

Mien the grave and settled clubman dons his ancient baseball suit,
And betakes him to the diamond, you
had best be there to root:
For I promise you, my heartles, he will
treat you to a game
That will leave you hoarse and happy
and delighted that you came,

He is flabby in his bicep, he is rusty He is flabby in his bicep, he is rusty in hig knee,
He's forgot the little wrinkles that he knew in '83:
And he notes that running bases is a strain upon one's lung.
And that balls are more clusive than they were when he was young.

With the hand that's used to highballs,

he will must the ball of base,
With the leg attuned to cushions, he
can't hit a swifter pace;
He can fumble simple grounders, he
can drop the poppest files,
He can even fan the other, to his own
intense surprise.

he cannot play the game,
But a fig for carping critics!—You will
like him just the same;
Oh, there's always fun in bunches and some levely times to root, When the grave and settled clubman dons his ancient baseball suit. H. S. H.

## MERELY JOKING.

"Tompkins has changed his mind, He ien't going to put a name on his auto."
"Why not?"
"After thinking it over he finally decided that the law wouldn't allow of his calling it what he wanted to."—Milwaukee Sentinel. Selft-Restraint.

Hawkins: "Oh, well, Bjenks isn't such a bad fellow, after all," Dawkins: "What makes you say that?" Hawkins: "Well, he wuldn't led me the Hi chat I asked him for, but he didn't take Just as Tough.

'But she is never wrong,"-Houston Post

He Usually Left 'Em.

Roberts: "Poor Williams died and left a wife and three children."

Jones: "That's nothing. He was too mean to take them anywhere when he was living."—Life. As Best We can.

"The rich ride to the hounds," mused the iear-philosopher. "Well?" "Well?"
"The rest of us have to go to the dogs or the hoof."—Washington Herald.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

F the "Queen of the May" wise, she will cling to her flannels for a few day, longer, notwithstanding the calendar.— Washington Post,

eaving much.—Kansas City Star. A good many Democrats seem to see tray streak in the national political skies.Saltimore Sun.

You may break, you may shatter the Tammany ring as you will, but the sight of the ple counter rounites it still!—Washington Herald. As between Taft and Hughes it seems to be a case of how happy our Teddy would be were the other dear charmer away.—Balti-more Sua.

Neurasthenia is what a woman her husband gots rich enough for h over hysterics,—Galveston News.

When Mr. Bryan writes the Democratic

platform the following should be a cases, plank:

"We view with just and increasing alarm the rendency of men calling themselves Democrats to object to the incorporation in the party's doctrines of things which never were and never can be Democratic, and we insist that those who persist in devolon to old-time principles and policides be given the choice of favoring government ownership and the initiative and referendum or of being drummed out of the organization,"—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

An Index to Churacter.

If Judge Prentis's decisions are as bold as his signature, there will be some ling doing for the corporations in Virginia, and that pretty soon.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

The Davis Centenary.

June 3d next will be the ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis. There is less known about the history and ideals of Jefferson Davis by the youth of both North and South than any other of the great men of the period in which he lived, It is proposed to have a celebration of his hundredth birthday in many places in the South next year,—Bedford Bulletin.

Our Chesterfield.

Hon, Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition, is the living personification and embodiment of polita-ness. No Frenchman could excel him. It seems natural to him.—Halifax Gazetto, The Newspapers Claim. The Newspapers Claim.

A newspaper is in no sense a child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives, and it is second to no enterprise in contributing to the upbuilding of a community. Its patrons reap far more benefits from its pages than its publishers, and in calling for the support of the community in which it is published it asks for no more than in all fairness belongs to it, though generally it receives less, Patronise and help your paper as you would any other enterprise, because it helps you, and not as an act of charity.—West Point News.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Henry Watterson is said to be working or is "Life of Lincoln" while in Europe. New York City pays in salaries to its more said 50,000 servants \$132 each inimite in the

than so, we would also the hold of New Zealand is now \$90,000, having mercased 117,000 in the last five years.

There is one saloon in New York City for each 317 men, women and children residing within its borders.

phone and string within its borders.

Familiae prevails among the natives of fits owner at anything but a heart or poetstbook breaking charge. Let's have your a ext bundle. Then we'll have another and "still some."

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Is under anything within its borders.

Familiae prevails among the natives of feature many of them live like cattle. on leaves and roots.

Last year there were made in Switzer-land we'll have another and "still some."

Last year there were made in Switzer-land in the Chine famous matador, of the famous matador, of th

## Rhymes for To-Day VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The V. P. I. Presidency.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—The presidency of the Virginia Polytechnic institute is a matter in which most Virginians are interested. The alumni of the institute have taken a most active part in the discussion which followed the announcement last fall that Mr. J. Thompson Brown would be made president. They held meetings in various parts of the State for the purpose of expressing concerted opinion. Finally there was a general meeting in Roanoke in which leading alumni expressed their views of the situation. These opinions took the form of resolutions, which respectfully presented to the board of visitors the wish that a scholar or scientist of eminent ability, well acquainted with the conditions in this Stitle, a trained and experienced teacher, might be chosen.

No exception could be laken on the part of members of the word to this activity. The was any expressed. But now a movement seems to be on foot to get the Alumni to say in regular form that no member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute facuity should be elected. And the Roanoke Times of the impurers of the interest of

The Mistakes of "Methodist."

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I have no intention of "butting in" to the triangular correspondence in your columns between "Methodist," Rev. James Small and "Disciple," in which nearly all the "hitting back" has been done by the party who signs himself "Methodist." I have no taste for answering anonymous effusions in newspapers, and would certainly carry out my rule in this case, but for the fact that the Disciples of Christ have been so seriously misrepresented by "Methodist" as to call for correction. I only ask space for one point where the misrepresentation does the Disciples the greatest and most damaging injustice. "Methodist" says: "The Spirit, not the water, washed away their sins, for neither Peter nor Paul oner Christ, ever taught the absurdity of baptismal regeneration, a doctrine taught the very Disciple preacher known to me." There are seven thousand Disciple preachers in the United States, if "Methodist" will find one out of the whole number who will say that he believes in baptismal regeneration, in any accepted or legitimate sense of those terms, I will pay to have his statement printed in capitals in the advertising columns of The Times-Dispatch. A distinguished Disciple preacher has written a book entitled

pay to have his statement printed in capitals in the advertising columns of The Times-Dispatch. A distinguished Disciple preacher has written a book entitled "Baptismal Regeneration, the Fundamental Error of Christendom," and this is the universally accepted position of the Disciples and has been from the beginning of their history. There is not a Disciple preacher in the world, isnorant or educated, who does not believe that regeneration, in the current evangelical sense of the torm, both precedes and validates Christian baptism. Where the regenerate life does not already exist baptism is worthless and Christian baptism impossible. When Alexander Campbell sometimes used the word immersion as the equivalent of regeneration, in which he followed the early church fathers, he referred to the ceremonial aspect of the change, which was symbolical and representative of the whole process of moral cleansing by the Spirit, just as Paul does in his letter to Titus. To call a large and intelligent body of Christian people, like the Disciples, that they believe, or ever did believe that water washes away sins is simply to insult their intelligence. The invitation of "Methodist" to come ashure and preach the blood of Christian guite sufficiently refreshing in view of the fact that the Disciples preach to come asfore and preach the blood of Christ is quite sufficiently refreshing in view of the fact that the Disciples preach the blood of Christ in exactly the same way the Methodists do. When I am prepared to introduce unconscious infants into church relations by laying a moistened hand on their dear little innocent heads. I shall at least not throw stones at other people for making too much of water.

J. J. HALBY.

Seventh-Street Christian Church.

# The Pension Act.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—The Confederate Pension Board of Mecklenburg met here on the 11th of March and passed upon and allowed some nine or ten of the claims of old Confederate soldiers of this county for pensions. Among them were several who asked fer a rerating under an act of the Legislature passed on the 31st of December, 1903, which act says:

"A pensioner becoming totally disabled by disease or infirmities of age may make application to be rerated and placed on the totally disabled list, and if said application is approved by the pension board and the judge who originally granted the pension for partial disability, the applicant shall he placed on the totally disabled pensioners, and receive the same compensation as the others."

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the class of intally disabled pensioners, and receive the same compensation as the others."

Under the strict construction of the statute by the Auditor, only one of the whole batch sent in as approved by this pension board and allowed by the circuit judge, was allowed at the office of the Auditor, in one of the applications the examining physician made this indersement on the pension papers: "The applicant is disqualified by reason of rheumatism and old age and defective eyesight." It would seem that this pensioner would have "passed muster" at a totally disabled veteran, yet he was turned down with this indersement on his potition; "Doctor does not certify to what is his disability, whether total or partial; the law must be complied with." On another, the doctor says: "The applicant has suffered from neuralgin of the bowels and spinal rheumatism, especially of the back and lower extremities, causing his disability and rendering him incapable of manual labor." This application was also disallowed. Still in another case the doctor certifies that the veteran "has rheumatism, wounds received during the suffered for the disability disabled." This application is also rejected.

The Legislature evidently meant to pictely disabled." This application is also rejected.

The Legislature evidently meant to provide for the few poor and infrm soldiers who are now in the evening of their lives and by reason of old age and infirmities unable to earn a support, and did not wish every "!" to be dotted and "!" crossed in the construction of this act, but only wished the unworthy applicants to be rejected. No one could believe that a Virginia

and as far as possible relieve their wants.

The pension bill would seem but a mockery and farce, if after the pension board and the circuit court judge have both approved an application, and who are supposed to be better acquainted with the facts and circumstances connected with the application and the judge well-versed in the law, for their action to be set aside by such a close and strict construction of the statute.

The people of Virginia love the old Confederate soldiers, and are too proud to have it said that the State is to close in its dealings with them, and are anxious that a liberal allowance be made for the support of those needy and disabled.

The Boydon, Va.

## Slack Information.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—Will you allow me space to answer a communication of Mr. W. L. Slack, of Louisiana, in reference to his idea of a Confederate Reunion? I read it very carefully and must say I was rather surprised at the conclusion. I should like to be informed as to accommodation, terms, etc." Well, following out Mr. Slack's suggestions, "there should be nothing that savors of the present." I, therefore, hope that gavors of the present." I, therefore, hope that gavors of the present." I, therefore, hope that gavors of the present. I, therefore, hope that gavors of the present. I, therefore, hope that gavors of the present. I, therefore, hope that gave for the yeterans representing 1861, shelter, Smitthfield ham, fried chicken, old-fashloned pound cake, Java coffiee, the best of old Port, Madeira and mint juleps. Fine times, with the body-servant to have everything in order. Those of '52, good bacon, seatick coffee, biscuits, cornbread, plently of "short'nin,"—wheat coffee (postum will do), flavored with all title seatick and "long sweetnin." Poor old fellows of '64 and '65, (don't cuss out Richmond and Quartermaster Brown), but all you will have as fitting with your rags will be a few grains of parched corn, not even the pretty girls who used to cry over you and laugh with you. But if the women should be there they must be the mourners over unknown graves and furled banners.

Now wouldn't the reunion be a cheerful, pleasant sort of a gathering?

The Daughters of the Confederacy, listening to just such criticisms and wishing to please the veterans, as they thought, unanimously voted to ask the veterans to do away with sponsors. But smiles of the beautiful girls of to-day and the sons in their new uniforms. It makes us feel young again. We want them all to come; we can only provide for the eighty-four official sponsors and maids, but we will do our best for all, So now, Mr. Slack, if you will notify Quartermaster Brown, which year you are coming to represent, he will give yo

and count me in as.

A VETERAN OF "61."

Richmond, Va.

The City Hall.

Hiltor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,-Your suggestion that the City
Hall be cleaned by contract is a good
one, but hardly any well-informed person in the city expects it to be followed. Nevertheless, the condition of
this building at the present time is a
disgrace to the city and a most forceful argument against government of
municipalities by Common Councils.

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municipalities by Common Councils.
It is a crying hame that nine
thousand dolars of the tax-payers'
money should be so int each year in
salaries for jaintori who do not attend to their duttersamy better than
this crowd in the Cry fall does. It
illustrates more forcibly the need of a
strong centralized form of city government, composed of a few men of
ability and strength.

In this connection it cannot but be
noted with regret that there seems to
be a growing disposition among Counclimen and Aldermen to recklessly increases salaries without reference to the
ability of the recipients of the increases, or to the ability of the city
to stand the additional drain on its
treasury. I venture to assert, and I
do not believe the assertion can be successfully contradicted, that there are a
number of officials and clerks in the
City Hall now who are overpaid, who
do not render services commensurate
with the salaries they receive. Not
much relief can be expected, however,
from these conditions, where the city
is governed by ax-grinding Councilmen.

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Strikes the Right Note. Strikes the Right Note.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Str.—Mr. A. L. Slack, adjutant of Camp
1527. Louisiana Division, United Conrederate Veterans, of Talluita, Ala., strikes
the right note. His idea of a "real
reunion" is just the thing, Only one
suggestion could I make—that is, that
the "real" wives and mothers not only
be in the parade, but to wear costumes
that were actually warn during the war.
But the point desired is that the veterans
be in the carriages. Let them be the
object of all attention the first day. After
that the sons and daughters, made and
sponsors, may have a day. I would be
glad to see Mr. Slack's letter printed
again, and much mere conspicuously—
big headlines.

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First Tourist: "What are you writing lown?"

Second Tourist: "I'm making a note of a few things that had made an indelible impression upon my memory, so I shan't torget them."—Ally Sloper.

No Questions Asked. Hewitt: "Have you ever kissed another an's wife?" nan's wife?"

Jewett: "I really can't say; I never ask

see a lady's marriage certificate before

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